

# MILTON POLICE DEPARTMENT

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## Ride-Along Application

You have expressed an interest in participating in our Ride-Along Program. If you are still interested, please complete the attached information sheet and return to the police department.

The Police Department offers citizens the opportunity to take part in the Ride-Along Program. The Chief of Police shall coordinate the Ride-Along Program and provide the host officers to conduct the tours.

The Ride-Along Program is available to citizens at least 21-years of age, college students 18-years of age, or students of any age involved in Town sponsored activities, on a first come, first served basis. Interested individuals should contact the Milton Police Department for further details.

All completed applications will be filed and applicants will be selected in chronological order. You will be required to execute a liability waiver form and will be given a copy of the observer's rules and regulations. On the scheduled day and time, you should report to the Milton Police Department. A brief, get-acquainted meeting will be held so that the host officers can introduce themselves and answer any questions you might have. Once the introduction is complete, you will be given an abbreviated tour of the police facility. The remainder of the Ride-Along assignment will be spent responding to various police calls for service.

**Ride-Along APPLICATION**

(Please print)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name

\_\_\_\_\_  
Shift Preference for Ride-Along

\_\_\_\_\_  
Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone & Work Phone (if applicable)

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State & Zip

\_\_\_\_\_  
Other Numbers (cellular, pager) - please specify

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date of Birth

Age

\_\_\_\_\_  
Sex

\_\_\_\_\_  
Social Security Number (for Criminal History Check)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address

To your knowledge, do you have any physical impairment(s)? Yes No If  
yes, please specify: \_\_\_\_\_

In case of an emergency, notify:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Name (relationship)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Home Phone

\_\_\_\_\_  
Work Phone (or other phone)

Please furnish the reason for this Ride-Along request: \_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_  
  
\_\_\_\_\_

Participation in the Ride-Along Program is contingent upon adherence to rules and regulations governing the program. You will be occupying the position of a silent observer during this time. We request that you do not reveal what you see or hear during your tour which could be detrimental to the prosecution of any case arising from the officer's performance of his/her duties. You may be called upon to be a witness in a court proceeding, and you may be called upon for assistance. The decision for this will rest with the officers to whom you are assigned and the given circumstances. All participants will be expected to be properly dressed and in keeping with the standards of the police organization. Observers will only be permitted to participate four times within a 12-month period, unless further approval is granted by the Chief of Police.

**To Be Completed By a Police Supervisor**

Assigned to Ride With: \_\_\_\_\_ Unit: \_\_\_\_\_

Assignment By: \_\_\_\_\_

Supervisor: \_\_\_\_\_ Date/Time: \_\_\_\_\_

**Release and Indemnity Agreement**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, acknowledge that I have requested permission from the Chief of Police of the Milton Police Department to accompany Milton police officers in the performance of their duties, both in police vehicles and outside of such vehicles. I have been advised of the various dangers involved in police work and specifically advised that police cars are frequently operated under emergency conditions. I have also been advised that accompanying police officers in the performance of their duties may frequently expose me to various and sundry perils of life and limb due to the action of criminal suspects, prisoners, and other such persons.

NOW, THEREFORE, having been fully advised of the dangers inherent in the activities in which I propose to engage, and in consideration of the privilege being granted to me by the Town of Milton to be a gratuitous passenger in a police unit and for other good and valuable consideration, I do hereby, for myself, my spouse, heirs, executor, or administrator, and personal representatives:

- a. Assume full responsibility for any personal injury or any damage to my personal property which may occur directly, or indirectly, while in, on, or about any such Police Department vehicles, the Police Department premises or any part thereof of the Town of Milton Complex, or while accompanying any police officers of the Town of Milton while in the performance of their duties;
- b. Fully and forever release and discharge the Town of Milton, its police officers, agents, and employees, from any and all claims, demands, damages, rights of actions, or causes of actions, present or future, whether the same be known, anticipated, or unanticipated, resulting from or arising out of my being in, on, or about any such Police Department vehicles, or at any or all of the premises or places aforesaid, or while accompanying any police officers of the Town of Milton as aforesaid;
- c. Indemnify and hold harmless the Town of Milton, its police officers, employees, and agents, for any acts or conduct on my part of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on, or about any such Police Department vehicles, or at any or all of the premises and places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such police officer as aforesaid;
- d. Agree to defend and to pay any attorney's fees as a result of any action brought by or against the Town of Milton, its police officers, employees or agents, for any acts or conduct on my part of whatever kind or nature whatsoever, while in, on, or about any such Police Department vehicles, or at any or all of the premises or places aforesaid, or while accompanying any such police officer as aforesaid, and,
- e. Agree that it is my intention that this Release and Indemnity Agreement be in full force and effect any time after the execution hereof.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Participant's Signature (date)

\_\_\_\_\_  
Parent/Guardian's Signature – Approval (date)

Dated at Milton, Delaware, this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_  
at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock.

**WITNESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Name, Title (and date)

## **Rules and Regulations for Ride-Along Participants**

As a Ride-Along observer, you are expected to follow the instruction listed below in order to safeguard yourself and minimize the possibility of interfering with normal police activities.

1. All Ride-Along observers shall sign a waiver of liability form.
2. Observers are required to be at the police department at their scheduled time.
3. All observers will be returned to the police department at the completion of the Ride-Along assignment or at any time requested by the participant.
4. Upon receiving a “serious” call for service the officer has the approval to instruct the observer to exit vehicle before responding to the call. “Serious” is defined as a life or death situation.
5. Tape recorders or cameras are not permitted unless prior approval has been obtained.
6. During the Ride-Along assignment all cellular devices are to be turned off.
7. Participants shall not be permitted to carry a weapon while participating in the program.
8. No participants shall use any form of tobacco during the Ride-Along program.
9. It is desirable to ask questions regarding procedures and activities; however, it must be done at an appropriate time. Observers shall not interfere with the officer's activities or duties.
10. Observers shall not participate in any police activity unless specifically directed by the officer.
11. Observers shall not leave the patrol car any time without first obtaining permission from the officer.
12. Observers shall not converse with prisoners, suspects or witnesses, or other parties contacted on police business.
13. Upon signing the application, the observer will be automatically checked through the computer system ensuring no outstanding warrants exist. A records check will also be conducted.
14. All Ride-Along observers will be required to wear a department-issued observer identification name tag at all times during the tour.
15. Remember, a Ride-Along participant rides in the capacity of an observer only and is under complete control of the officer at all times. Failure to follow these rules and/or the instructions of the officer will result in the immediate termination of the tour.

**I ACKNOWLEDGE, HAVE READ, AND UNDERSTAND THE RULES AND  
REGULATIONS OF THE RIDE-ALONG PROGRAM.**

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Participant's Signature (date)

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Parent/Guardian's Signature - Approval (date)

### **Dress Code for Ride-Along Participants**

All participants for the Ride-Along Program are expected to be addressed in keeping with the standards of our organization.

For male participants, the attire will be dress shirt and slacks. For female participants, the attire will be a blouse or dress shirt and slacks. Tennis shoes may be worn. T-shirts, sweatshirts, jeans and shorts of any kind are not acceptable.

If a participant arrives at the police department for his/her Ride-Along and is not properly attired, they will be asked to reschedule the Ride-Along for another day.

I have read and understand the Dress Code for the Ride-Along Program.

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Participant's Signature (date)

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Parent/Guardian's Signature – Approval (date)

**POLICE DEPARTMENT USE ONLY**

Computer Check Made: No Record / Record Attached

Criminal History (if applicable)

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Attempts to Contact Applicant:

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_ Miscel Info: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Notified by: \_\_\_\_\_

Date and Time of Scheduled Ride: \_\_\_\_\_

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_ / Disapproved: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_  
Police Supervisor (date)

